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1. DR. DUPONT AND MR. HERMAN ADHERED CLOSELY TO SCHEDULE TRANSMITTED IN MEXICO 9230. ONLY SIGNIFICANT VARIATION WAS THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL REGRETTED WORKING LUNCH DEC. 12 BECAUSE HE WAS CALLED TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT. SECRETARY OF HEALTH ALSO REGRETTED DUE TO PRESS OF BUSINESS, BUT SENT UNDERSECRETARY DR. GUZMAN OROZCO IN HIS STEAD. ALSO ATTENDING WAS DR. BEJARANO, CHIEF OF PURE FOOD AND DRUG BUREAU WITHIN HEALTH SECRETARIAT.

2. FOLLOWING DAY, DEC. 13, DUPONT AND HERMAN CALLED ON ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND DUPONT CALLED ON HEALTH SECRETARY AND PRISON DIRECTOR. OUR VISITORS WERE IMPRESSED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VERY FORTHRIGHT SUPPORT FOR THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CONCEPT AND FOR DR. BELSASSO'S CEMEF IN PARTICULAR. BELSASSO IN RETURN CLEARLY REGARDS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS NUMBER ONE IN THE GOM NARCOTIC EFFORT AND DEFERS TO HIM ACCORDINGLY. OJEDA SPENT WELL OVER ONE HOUR SETTING FORTH HIS BROAD PHILOSOPHY ON  
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NARCOTICS, WHICH PLACED HEAVY IMPORTANCE ON THE SOCIAL

AETIOLOGY OF THE PROBLEM AND ON THE NEED FOR A MULTIFACETED APPROACH INCORPORATING TREATMENT, REHABILITATION AND ENFORCEMENT. HE ALSO FEELS THAT WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT GOM HAS A LONG WAY TO GO IN ENFORCEMENT, USG SHOULD BE CANDID IN ADMITTING THAT WE SEEKING GOM HELP ON NARCOTICS PROBLEM BECAUSE WE, TOO, ARE UNABLE TO LICK ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM SINGLE-HANDEDLY. ANOTHER WORRISOME ASPECT FOR OJEDA IS WHETHER MEXICO MIGHT BECOME SCAPEGOAT FOR THE US PUBLIC WHEN IT BECOMES DISILLUSIONED OVER OUR ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES' LESS THAN TOTAL SUCCESS. HEALTH SECRETARY WAS MUCH MORE SIMPLISTIC IN HIS SOLUTION, FINDING IT TO LIE IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES (I.E. WORK, RECREATION) TO MEXICAN YOUTH. HEALTH SECRETARY APPEARS TO BE VERY "TERRITORIAL" IN HIS APPROACH, VIEWING HIS SECRETARIAT'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND JURISDICTIONS IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD AS CLEAR-CUT AND INVIOLE. HE SEEMS TO DEFER TO NO ONE IN MATTERS LYING WITHIN HIS SPHERE AND VIEWS CEMEF AS ONLY ONE ELEMENT IN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF HIS NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD.

3. FROM STANDPOINT OF US/GOM COOPERATION, MOST SUBSTANTIVE RESULT OF VISIT WAS INFORMAL AGREEMENT THAT GOM SHOULD INSTITUTE URINE TESTING PROGRAM (IN PRISONS, FOR ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES, AND AT REGIONAL CENTERS) AND THAT SAODAP OR OTHER USG AGENCIES, AS APPROPRIATE, MIGHT SEND EXPERTS TO MEXICO TO SURVEY HOW WE MIGHT BEST AID THIS PROGRAM, AS WELL AS THE POSSIBLE TRAINING OF MEXICAN PRISON ADMINISTRATORS AND DRUG ABUSE WORKERS IN THE US, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANALYTICAL LABORATORY AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT (UNDER DR. BEJARANO'S BUREAU). BELSASSO ALSO IS UNSDRI (UNITED NATIONS SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE) PUSHING FOR USG PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVER AT CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1974 IN MEXICO CITY.

4. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THIS VISIT TO HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL FROM MANY ASPECTS. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US, BELSASSO WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO INVOLVE EMBASSY IN VISIT FROM OUTSET, AND OF COURSE WE RECEIVED OUTSTANDING COOPERATION FROM DUPONT AND HERMAN IN THIS RESPECT. THE VISIT PROVIDED A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DEVOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THE DEMAND SIDE AND WAS A VALUABLE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR INVOLVED EMBASSY OFFICERS. WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE MORE VISITS OF THIS TYPE.  
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